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a letter from the president



“OUR DESIRE IS FOR
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The apostle Paul wrote to the believers at Colossae, “and whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him” (Colossians 3:17).

During our Convocation service this August, we sang the Bryan alma mater with that triumphant refrain, “By our motto we firmly stand, ‘Christ Above All.’” Our motto makes all the difference as to why Bryan stands out among the myriad of colleges across this country. Our desire is for our students to focus on the purpose God has for their lives. And finding that purpose begins with a personal relationship—taking His name as a Christian and surrendering to His service. When our students’ focus and purpose is to let every word and action be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, then God will direct their plans for their years at Bryan and their life-long service to Him.

We are truly grateful to God for what He is doing in our students’ lives. My favorite part of the school year is experiencing the excitement of new Bryan families arriving on campus with eager sons and daughters who are anxious, yet ready, to begin their college careers.

This fall, nearly 300 new students joined the Bryan family, the largest freshman class in Bryan’s

78-year history. This year also marks the first time the total college enrollment has climbed above 1,000 students, 700 of whom are members of the traditional student body.

And we give thanks to God our Father not only for what He is doing in our students’ lives, but also for what He is doing on our campus. In this issue of *Bryan Life*, you will see many exciting additions to our academic programs as well as to our physical facilities. The Bryan Center for Critical Thought and Practice will sponsor three symposia this year with topics ranging from war to climate change. Also, the Center for Law and Government will sponsor a symposium on biblical worldview as well as one on the scourge of human trafficking.

For the many friends and donors who faithfully give to Bryan, thank you for allowing God to use you to bless all of our students. Your support is a tremendous encouragement for us to remain vigilant in maintaining our purpose, to do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, and in word and deed to live out our motto of “Christ Above All.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephen D. Livesay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Stephen D. Livesay, Ph.D



A New Year Begins

New students arrive in record numbers

Take a record incoming class, add new faculty members, mix in some new facilities and you have the makings of an exciting year.

Combine with that a challenge to remember our Reformation heritage and Bryan College is poised to see God do great things as the 2007-08 academic year opens.

Rudd Auditorium was filled on Aug. 25, as nearly 300 new students and their families gathered for the beginning of orientation. Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay pointed out that there were students from 33 states and nine countries represented in the entering class.

Dayton Mayor Bob Vincent told the students, "You're going to feel welcome downtown. We're so proud to have Bryan College and Bryan students as part of our community. You've made a good choice, and I'm sure you will learn that as you go along."

Bryan faculty and staff present for the occasion encircled the students and their families as prayers were offered for God to bless their transition to a new phase of their lives and for Him to complete the work He was beginning.

As students left to meet in their orientation groups, parents remained in Rudd where Vice President for Student Life Dr. Peter Held and other college personnel answered questions and offered suggestions for parenting from a distance. New this year was a panel discussion involving three students and the parent of both a junior and a freshman. Panelists offered insights and suggestions on dealing with the changes parents—and students—experience as a child leaves home for college.

Convocation, featuring an address by Dr. Timothy George, dean of Beeson Divinity School at Samford University, formally opened the academic year on Aug. 29.



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Dr. Livesay praised the faculty, telling the college family that “Bryan College is only as strong as its professors, as deep as our faculty. I want you to know that the ladies and gentlemen seated behind me are first quality in character and preparation, with a heart of service and dedication to our God.”

Academic Vice President Dr. Cal White said, “Our motto, Christ Above All, indicates our clear dependence on Him...to help us excel in both the life of the mind and of the spirit. We study with the realization that knowledge of the world cannot be separated from knowledge of the Creator.”

Dr. George titled his lecture “Lessons from Luther for Today,” drawing comparisons between Martin Luther’s world of the 15th and 16th centuries and our world today. “Seldom has there been a time more like our own time than when Martin Luther was born in 1483,” he said. It was a time of great inventions and discoveries, an “age of great splendor in art, literature, and architecture. It was the best of times.

“But it was also the worst of times, like our own age. There was violence and war, peasants revolting, the

Black Death swept Europe carrying away a third of the human population. Death was an ever-present reality.”

He recounted Luther’s years of searching for peace with God, his struggle to understand how God could be good and how a person could love a holy God who punishes sin. “As he pondered the meaning of Romans 1: 16 it came to him that the righteousness of God was the righteousness by which God could declare sinners righteous because of what Jesus Christ had done. ‘It was like I had been born again,’ Luther said. Out of this flowed the structure of the Reformation, justification by faith alone.”

Dr. George said Luther came to his understanding of justification by faith by studying the Bible, which in turn drove him to translate the Latin Bible into German. “The fact that we can hold a Bible, read its words, is part of the legacy of the Reformation and of Luther.”

He said Christians owe their understanding of the true nature of the Church to Luther: “It is the people of God coming together for fellowship, but going back into the world to share the message of the Gospel.”

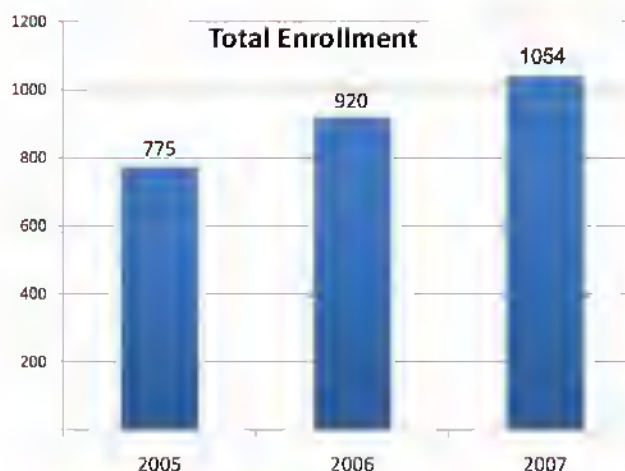
Luther's faith, grounded in an understanding of the Scripture, gave him courage to stand firm in his beliefs. "At the Diet of Worms he was asked to recant. He realized that if he did not, he could be killed, as was Jan Hus a hundred years before. But Luther dared to stand against the pope, the emperor, the princes of Germany. 'Unless I am persuaded by conscience and reason I cannot recant. Here I stand. God help me, I can do no other.'"

Dr. George said lessons we can learn from Luther include our justification by faith alone; the Bible is not a book to be studied only in academic classes, but is something that should transform our lives; we have a Bible available to us in our own language; and we have an understanding of the church as the people of God, not a building. "God's kingdom is what counts; it will abide forever."

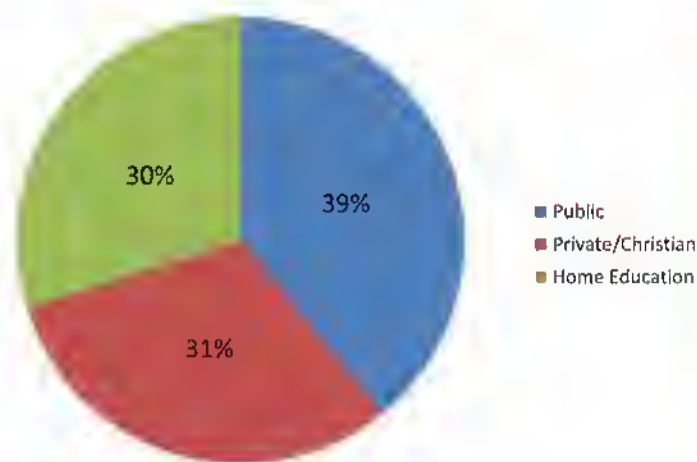


Enrollment by the numbers

	07	06
Freshmen	234	198
Transfers	40	54
Total New	274	252
Continuing	447	388
Aspire	281	246
MBA	24	14
Distance Lng.	28	20
Total	1,054	920



Educational Background



- Average ACT score for new Bryan students is **25**, compared to a national average of **21**

- Average high school grade average is **3.64** on a 4.0 scale

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From the tribe of the lion

Sudanese student among class of 2011

Ask 31-year-old John Bul Juarwel what he is most looking forward to about college, and his answer rings with the excitement of any other Bryan College freshman: making new friends, learning more about the Bible, going to soccer games, and experiencing dorm life.

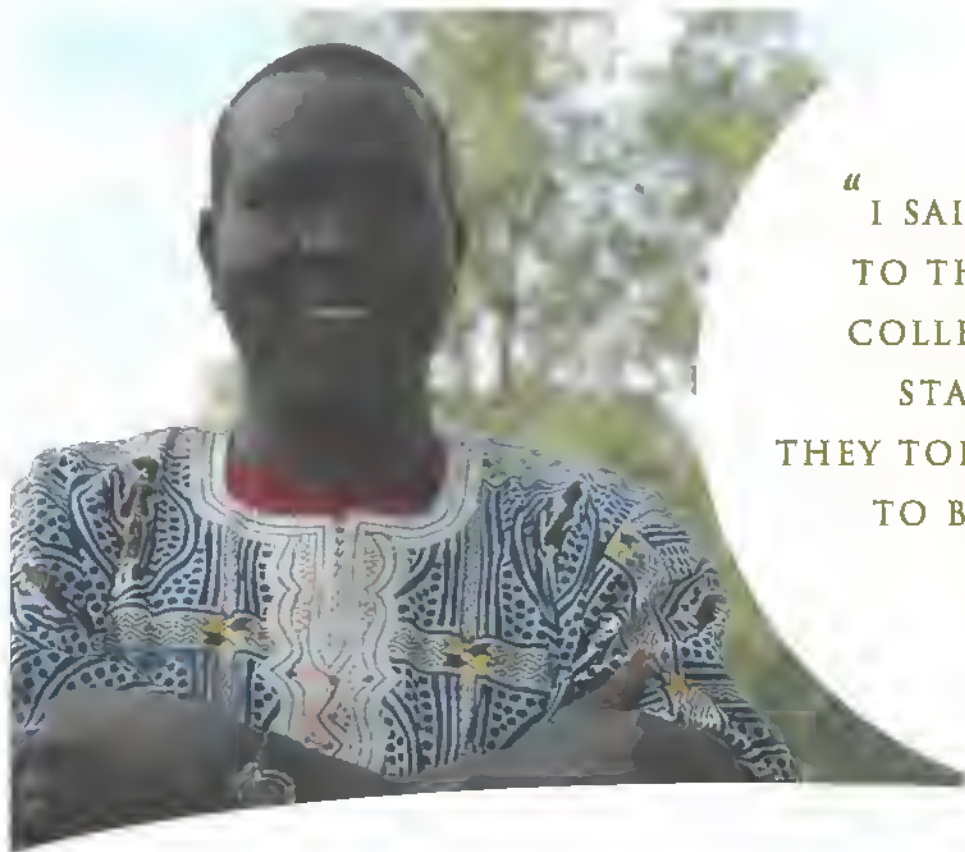
You might never guess by the warmth of his smile and the confidence in his voice that by the time he had reached the age of most of his fellow classmates, John had been separated from his family, dislocated from his home, and recruited into an army.

John comes from the war-torn African country of Sudan. He committed his life to Christ as a young child and introduced his mother, brothers, and sister to Christianity. At age 10, he and his little brother were sepa-

rated from their family during the chaos of the Second Sudanese War. The two walked barefoot for 15 days to the closest refugee camp, where his brother would eventually die from sickness. At 14, John joined the Sudan People's Liberation Army in Ethiopia, which sought to overturn the corrupt Sudanese government. By the time a peace agreement was signed in 2005, John had received multiple injuries from shrapnel and rock. Sadly, his is just one of thousands of stories told by the many "boy soldiers" of Africa.

After the war, John was reunited with his family, after eighteen years apart. He was delighted to find that his father, whose salvation he had prayed for every day, had accepted Christ while he was away.

As a devoted believer with a knack for picking up



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English and teaching, John was eager to learn more about the Bible after the war was over. While studying in Uganda, John made contact with representatives from the ministry of Rev. Rob Norris of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, Md. Dr. Norris has a vision to build a Christian church and school in Sudan, with leaders trained in Christian institutions in the United States. When John heard about the opportunity to study abroad, he volunteered immediately.

“I said I wanted to go to the best Christian college in the United States of America,” he said. “They told me I should come to Bryan College in Tennessee.”

And he did. Dr. Ron Petite, professor of politics and government, had met Dr. Norris years ago and suggested his effort be linked with Bryan College, a concept both Dr. Norris and Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay embraced. With financial support from the Schnabel Foundation Co. and tireless efforts from various Bryan administrative offices and Fourth Presbyterian Church, John arrived in Dayton as classes began.

“I feel that I am at home,” says John. “Everyone has

been very friendly and kind to me. They all want to help me. I feel that I am at a good Christian school and I thank the Lord for opening the door for me.”

A team of tutors, admissions counselors, and student life staff is helping John adjust to his first time in the U.S. Majoring in Christian Ministry with a goal to attend seminary after graduating from Bryan, John knows exactly what he wants to do with his life.

“I want to go back to my country and teach my people,” he said. “In Sudan, many people are Christians, but most do not have a solid foundation in the Bible. I have always loved to teach and my hope is that God will use me in this way to be a blessing.”

While living in the United States requires some adjustment, John says he sees some familiar things around campus.

“My tribe in Sudan was the tribe of the lion,” he said. “In my language, ‘Bul’ means lion. And even here at Bryan College, I see many lions around.”

Presidential Scholars 07-08

Eight students have been awarded Presidential Merit Scholarships, the highest academic award offered, to attend Bryan College this year. Presidential Merit Scholars were selected for the award following a competition that included an essay and an interview with Bryan professors. Presidential Merit Scholars for 2007-2008 include:



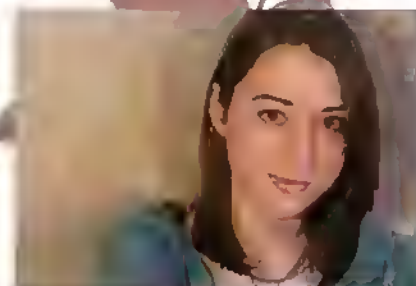
Matthew Dee, son of Stephen and Gloria Dee of Cordova, Tenn., plans to major in Christian thought and philosophy in preparation for a career in Christian ministry. Matthew is a home school graduate who was a member of the National Honor Society. He is an Eagle Scout who has received the Baden Powell Award and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. He was a member of the Memphis Futbol Club, the Bellevue Victory Marching Band, and the Powr (sic) Drum Ensemble. He is a volunteer in youth activities at his church. He learned about Bryan from friends at his church who are graduates of Bryan. "I really respect David (Starbuck, '03), and he loved it. I looked at different schools, trying to see where God wanted me to go. I liked Bryan, I liked its size, and I heard good things about it." Matthew is a member of the Lions soccer team, and plans to be involved with music and ministry outreach as time permits.

Erika Gebel, daughter of Paul and Noelle Gebel of Columbia, S.C., plans to major in political communications, with an eye toward working as a campaign manager, lobbyist, or a political aide. Erika is a home school graduate who has been a member of the National Christian Forensics and Communicators Association, the Greater Columbia Chamber Choir, and the homeschool and Columbia Parks and Recreation Committee swim team. She has worked as a swim instructor and harp teacher. She learned about Bryan through current junior Faith Ammen, and began investigating the school on her own. She chose Bryan because, when she visited the campus, "I felt at home. I felt like I fit in. I knew this was a place where God could use me and I could grow in my faith." Erika is a music minor, so she plans to be involved with the Chorale or other music groups.



Aaron Kendall, son of Bob and Rosalyn Kendall of Jacksonville, Fla., plans to major in Christian ministry-youth emphasis. He plans to attend graduate school after college. Aaron is a graduate of Trinity Christian Academy in Jacksonville, where he was president of the Spanish Club, vice president of the student council, a member of the National Honor Society, the Brain Bowl team and the yearbook staff. He knew of Bryan because his two brothers, Rob, '02, and James, '03, attended. He decided to attend "for a lot of reasons. I liked it and thought it is a good school." In his free time, Aaron hopes to be involved with the college music program.

Amelia Pool, daughter of Michael and Cathy Pool of Powell, Tenn., plans to major in business administration. Amelia is a graduate of Berean Christian High School. She is active in community service programs through her church. She learned about Bryan from friends at her church, and her sister, Olivia, is a sophomore this year. She decided to attend because she felt God leading her here. "I prayed a lot about it," she said. "I wanted to go to a Christian school because college is a good time to prepare for what you will do for God with your life. I prayed for direction and God provided the scholarship. At Bryan, she hopes to be involved with drama.



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Kristen Phelps, daughter of Mark and Mandy Phelps of Asheboro, N.C., plans to major in communication studies, and is considering a career in foreign missions after graduation. Kristen is a graduate of Faith Christian School in Ramseur, N.C., where she was president of the Honor Society, editor of the yearbook, and a member of the school ensemble. A close friend invited her to travel to Bryan to visit the friend's brother a year ago when he was a freshman. "I knew this was the place God wanted me when we were here," she said. The spiritual atmosphere, "making your relationship with God strong but sharing that with the world"; the welcoming atmosphere on campus; and the academic push for excellence, "I know the professors want me to get a good education," all entered into her decision to attend Bryan.

Lauren Pratt, daughter of Mark and Cathie Pratt of Oak Ridge, Tenn., is an exercise science major who plans to pursue a career in physical therapy. Lauren is a graduate of Oak Ridge High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, the student council, and was vice president of the Spanish Honor Society. She has played volleyball and run track and was co-editor of the yearbook staff. She learned about Bryan during a volleyball combine where Bryan volleyball Coach Leo Sayles and other coaches evaluated players. "I met Coach Sayles, and we stayed in touch. I visited Bryan and liked it," she said. She chose Bryan because of its size, its proximity to home and because "I felt at home here." In addition to playing volleyball, Lauren plans to become involved in several of the campus organizations and a Bible study.



Faith Wagner, daughter of Bruce and Robyn Wagner of Knoxville, Tenn., is a pre-medicine major. After college, she plans to attend medical school and work as a medical missionary in a third-world country. Faith is a graduate of Farragut High School, where she was a representative to the Student Government Association and convention chairman for DECA. She is a senior Girl Scout and recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award. She learned of Bryan when her student government association helped staff a college fair where she met admissions counselor Bryan Day, '03. She said she appreciates the fact that "Bryan doesn't put spirituality over academics or academics over spirituality. There is a good balance; that's important." At Bryan she hopes to be involved with the Worldview Team and with intramural sports.

Evan Johnson, son of Carter and Gale Johnson of Dayton, Tenn., plans to major in history. He plans to attend graduate school after college. Evan is a home school student who is a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship program. He won first place in math and in the reader's theatre competition for the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools, earned a superior rating in the National Federation of Music Clubs auditions, and was an advanced winner in the Bryan College Community Music School competition. He grew up in Dayton, so was familiar with the college all his life. He chose to attend Bryan because "it is a good Christian school, it's here in town, and I really like the people."





Why a Worldview Education?

I wasn't there, but I heard that it happened again. At a luncheon a few weeks ago, the convocation speaker, Dr. Timothy George, dean of Beeson Divinity School, expressed that he was impressed by the level of questions asked by Bryan College students. This has been a recurrent theme among some of the notable scholars who have visited campus in the last several years including Dr. J. Budziszewski (University of Texas), Dr. Robert George (Princeton University), Nancy Pearcey (The Discovery Institute), and Dr. Ben Mitchell (The Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity).

Challenging students to love God fully by thinking deeply, discerningly, and truthfully about His world is foundational to what a truly Christian education is. According to the way the Scriptures describe the grand narrative of God's redemptive plan for creation, Christianity is neither a religion of ascetic withdrawal nor a dualistic philosophy that denigrates certain human activity as less than spiritual. Rather, followers of Christ are called to dive deeply – and hopefully headfirst – into the significant historical and cultural issues of the human situation. As G.K. Chesterton once said, "If Christianity should happen to be true—that is to say if its God is the real God of the universe—then defending it may mean talking about anything and everything."

This is what is meant at Bryan when the language of worldview is used. Because everyone has a worldview (a basic way in which they see, understand, and interact in and with the world)

education is worldview-shaping. It is the responsibility of a Christian institution to challenge students with the Christian view of life and the world, while exposing the non-Christian worldviews that others hold and which are behind historical movements and cultural expressions.

In his book *Worldview: The History of a Concept*, David Naugle writes, "Conceiving of Christianity as a worldview has been one of the most significant developments in the recent history of the church." According to Naugle, the teachings and writings of James Orr (1844-1913) and Abraham Kuyper (1837-1920) are the "headwaters" from which emerged a stream of Christian worldview thinkers. The influence of these men can be seen in the writings of such notables as Carl F. H. Henry, Francis Schaeffer, Charles Colson, Nancy Pearcey, James Sire, David Noel, and two men responsible for introducing the worldview concept at Bryan College, Dr. W. Gary Phillips and Dr. William E. Brown.

Many Bryan College alumni, myself included, learned worldview from classes taught by Dr. Phillips (Distinguished Professor of Bible) and Dr. Brown (Professor of Bible and former President). Their book *Making Sense of Your World: A Biblical Worldview* is the required text for the first required course taken by Bryan students, *Biblical Worldview*. In this class, Bryan students are introduced to a broader view of the faith, as a total view of life and the world with an explanatory power unrivaled by other worldviews. Alums may be interested

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by John Stonestreet, '97, Director of Summit Ministries

to know that a revised, expanded version of *Making Sense of Your World* will be released by Sheffield Press in the spring of 2008.

Bryan's worldview emphasis has expanded significantly over the last two decades into a firmly embedded institutional value. Here are a few expressions worth highlighting:

Expanded Coursework: Today, Bryan students are required to take a total of three courses which focus on worldview in addition to the worldview integration that takes place in their chosen major courses. Their training culminates in the senior-level course "Worldview and Life" which provides a capstone experience for students to connect the Biblical worldview with their vocational callings.

Expanded Outreach: Bryan's focus on worldview training is not just internally focused. One of the most popular student ministries is the Worldview Team. Led by Alan Corlew and Ben Williams, this program allows Bryan students to teach worldview discernment and formation through the utilization of contemporary culture to high school students across America. Students involved in this ministry are consistently evaluating the worlds of media, technology, and youth culture. Teaching others forces them to apply what they are learning in the classroom.

Strategic Partnerships: Since 1995, Bryan has partnered with Summit Ministries to offer two-week conferences for high school and college students, as well as a one-week conference for adults. These annual summer conferences feature some of the

premier Christian thinkers and speakers in America on topics relating to worldview, apologetics, and leadership. Showcased at these conferences are some of Bryan College's own scholars including Dr. Jeff Myers, Dr. Paul Boling, Dr. Ken Turner, Dr. Whit Jones, Dr. Beth Impson, and Mr. Corlew. Students exposed to Summit's teaching get a "head start" in college, are better able to handle the world of competing ideas, and tend to emerge as leaders in their churches, on their campuses, and throughout life. And, many Bryan students invest their summers by working on the Summit summer staff.

In addition to the programs listed above, Bryan students are presented numerous opportunities through on-campus programs such as the Bryan Center for Critical Thought and Practice, missions outreach programs, and Practical Christian Involvement as well as relationships with the Acton Institute, Passing the Baton International, and other likeminded organizations. Each of these can potentially contribute to a holistic view of Christian education, challenging them to develop a distinctly Biblical worldview and confront the ideas that take people, nations, and cultures captive.



John Stonestreet is Executive Director of Summit Ministries. He is a 1997 Bryan graduate and earned an M.A. degree in Christian Thought from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.



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Weyhe supports alma mater with annuity

Giving back has become a solution to a tax problem and a source of improved income for alumna Lois Weyhe.

Lois, who earned a degree in English at Bryan in 1948, then worked eight years at the college, recently faced the challenge of having to pay a significant capital gains tax on stock she had held for many years. A Charitable Gift Annuity she purchased from Bryan College alleviated that problem and increased her income at the same time.

“I wanted to leave something to Bryan because of what it had meant to me,” she said.

Education—a degree in English and a foundation for a Master’s degree in English and Educational Administration from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University—was one thing she gained from her Bryan experience. The bigger benefit, in her mind, was a broader perspective of Christian service. “I discovered that God grants to us our abilities and talents, and they can be used as a witness in any career or occupation.”

She originally planned to be a

Christian Education major but changed to English.

Following her graduation from Bryan, she became registrar, a position she held for eight years.

Although she worked as a student, she also was involved in ministry efforts and even traveled as part of a trio with the Gospel Messengers, building fond memories along the way.

“I needed to rely largely upon my own resources to pay for college, and was able to work in the administration office where I gained experience in record keeping and registration.

“Later, God led me to make a change, and through a previous contact with the director of admissions at Wheaton College, I was offered a position there.”

She went to work in the admissions office and then became associate director of admissions, a position she held until her retirement in 1985.

Because of her memories of Bryan, the many friendships with faculty and students which have lasted through many years, and the college’s testimony

as a Christian institution, “I wanted to give something back.”

In discussion with Development Director Jim Barth she decided that a Charitable Gift Annuity could help solve her capital gains tax challenge and provide a good current return, “which has increased my income,” she said.

“Expenses don’t go down; they keep going up. All of this helped me make the decision. I’m very pleased with it.”

Mr. Barth said Miss Weyhe’s experience is similar to that of others who have invested in Charitable Gift Annuities from Bryan.

“I’m happy to speak with anyone who is interested in ways to increase their income, reduce their tax liability, and help Bryan provide an outstanding Christ-centered education to young people,” he said.

For more information about annuities or other ideas to address financial planning needs, contact Mr. Barth at 1-800-552-7926, email him at barthji@bryan.edu or visit www.bryangift.org, the Bryan planned giving web site.

Four Reasons To Put Off Creating Your Will



Looking For A Good Excuse? Here Are Four.



Estate Is Too Small.

This is a popular reason for not preparing a *Last Will & Testament*. But be careful! It's easy to forget how quickly the value of a home can escalate. Combine this with even minimal inflation, and what was once a *modest* estate may have enjoyed significant growth.



A Will Is Too Costly.

Sure...it will cost something to have a qualified professional prepare your Will; but too costly? Consider what an investment of \$300 or \$400 today will save when it comes to estate taxes and probate costs...not to mention the time and stress you'll save family and friends.



A Distaste For Legal Documents.

This reason is easy to understand! After all, who wants to go to school just to be able to understand what is a statement of your will in the first place? But it's just as easily dealt with. Your attorney should happily answer questions and alleviate any misgivings.



Too Busy Living.

The truth is, when you're busy dealing with the realities of living each day -- with family and work, friends and play -- taking time to think about dying is easy to put off. But your Will is your lasting voice -- and professionals in our Office will be happy to answer any questions about the creation of a valid Will.

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Bryan coaches work up sweats over summer

Summer vacation generally means “time away from work,” but for Bryan’s athletic coaches, summer vacation sounded suspiciously like another day at the office.

Most of the coaching staff spent significant time working in camps, teaching younger athletes the fundamentals of their sports, although baseball Coach Joel Johnson added some serious field maintenance duties to his schedule.

Women’s Soccer Coach Mark Sauve, Volleyball Coach Leo Sayles, Women’s Basketball Coach Jamy Bechler, Men’s Basketball Coach Don Rekoske, and Cross Country Coach Rodney Stoker all participated in sports camps and tournaments over the summer.

Coach Sauve worked with an outreach ministry of Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Ala. “I had three high school kids assisting me, and we had 25 to 30 kids,” he said. “We had a great time.”

In addition to coaching he spent time talking with his high school helpers, and encouraged them to consider choosing Bryan for their college. Two of the three actually came to campus for the Highlight visit event on Labor Day this September.

Coach Sayles packed 12 volleyball camps into his summer, including seven on campus. The Bryan camps were designed to build relationships in the Dayton community, teach fundamentals of the sport, and quietly present the Gospel.

“I was really trying to challenge the players to recognize the opportunities they are given, to make sure the way they act on court represents Christ in a good way. We led Bible studies and worship with them.” Coach Sayles also coached at two camps with Belmont University volleyball program.

The newest member of the Bryan coaching team, women’s basketball Coach Jamy Bechler, added getting acquainted with the Lady Lions to his summer schedule. He traveled to Hawaii to coach an all-star team at the Diamond Head Classic in Honolulu. Players from Alabama, Tennessee, Texas, and Kansas made up the teams in the tournament. His team finished with only one loss, to the “Hawaii Select” team.

In July he returned to Columbus, Ohio, where he had coached

the national championship basketball team a year ago, for the USA Junior Nationals International Sports Festival. This year, his team from Oklahoma reached the final four of the tournament, where they lost to the eventual national champion.

Coach Rekoske’s basketball camps, designed for grades kindergarten through six, and grades six through ten, had dual goals of helping improve youth basketball play in the community through a combination of focus on fundamentals and personal attention, and building relationships with the community. At the same time, the coach shared biblical principles in Team Talk sessions and as opportunities arose throughout the day. Some 60 children participated.

There also was time this summer for the Lions to gather for several days of teambuilding activities. One of those was a trip to the Silverdale Detention Facility in nearby Chattanooga. “The prisoners seemed appreciative,” Coach Rekoske said. “Now they actually cheer for us. It wasn’t always that way.” A high point of the game was his being able to share the Gospel at halftime, emphasizing the point that “God works in mysterious ways.”

For Coach Stoker, the summer involved assisting the director of a sports camp in Chattanooga, where a number of Bryan students served as “coaches” for the campers. “We were there to ‘sell’ the host school to prospective students,” he explained. But in the two-week sessions the coaches developed relationships with their campers, shared devotions, and addressed needs of the young people. “My job was to see that the coaches were doing their job and make life easier for the director.”

Coach Johnson had 22 young people at his baseball camps before he, coaches Jack Traylor and Taylor Hasty, and others began rebuilding the baseball field’s infield. For two weeks he and two of his players taught children ages 6 to 12 the fundamentals of the sport, focusing on fielding, hitting, and throwing. The second week emphasized pitching and hitting. Reconstruction of the infield included removing the turf, grading, and resodding. With Varner Construction Co. doing the grading, the field was leveled, the grass restored, and the field was made ready for play again.

faculty/staff notes

Mr. Alan Corlew has published an article extending an aspect of his Master's thesis. The article is "Schleiermacher and Romanticism: Ignored Antecedent of Postmodernism?" in *Christianity and Society* 17:1 (Apr. 2007): 40-51.

Ms. Marlene Fouts spoke to seventh and eighth grade students at Rhea Central Elementary School's career day on being a career counselor in a college.

Mr. Stefon Gray and **Mr. Jason Wasser** attended the Appalachian College Association Spring IT retreat at Lee University and the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities IT retreat in Nashville. Mr. Gray served on the committee to organize the sessions.

Dr. Doug Kennard has submitted his latest book, *Messiah Jesus: Christology in His Day and Ours*, to his publisher, Peter Lang, and expects to see the books available in about six months. The book examines Jesus in the light of Old Testament predictions and second temple aspirations, the New Testament and the Jewish second temple context, and in the history of theology and interpretation since then.

Dr. Bill Ketchersid has been selected for inclusion in the 2008-09 edition of Montclair Publishing's *Who's Who in Collegiate Faculty*.

Dr. Phil and Darlene Lestmann attended the sixteenth biennial conference of the Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences at Messiah College in May. Dr. Lestmann presented a paper entitled "Trigonometry without Sines and Geometry without Angles," a summary and critique of the book *Divine Proportions* by N.J. Wildberger. During the conference they saw Rich and Kathy Barnhart.

Rich was the head of the Math Department at Bryan when Dr. Lestmann was hired in 1977. They ate lunch with alumni George and Charlotte Traub, who are parents of current student Ryan Traub. They also had a meal with Bill and Ann Sidebotham. Ann was an education professor at Bryan, and Bill assisted with the maintenance crew.

Drs. David and Sigrid Luther sang in the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Master Chorale Concert in June.

Dr. Sigrid Luther attended the Tennessee Music Teachers state conference in June and has accepted the position of MTNA national high school competition coordinator, with responsibilities to begin in June 2008.

Mr. Steve Paulson participated in the Structured Query Language Workshop at Covenant Seminary in June. He, along with **Mr. Ricky Taphorn**, **Mr. Adam Crownoble** and **Mr. Stefon Gray**, led sessions at the CAMS User Group meetings in St. Louis, Mo., in June. Mr. Paulson was a member of the organizing committee for the event.

Dr. Ray Smith traveled to Romania, Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Bosnia where he taught, conducted seminars, spoke on leadership to the Club of Managers in Bratislava, Slovakia, and worked on faculty and student exchange possibilities with Anglo American College in Prague, Czech Republic.

Dr. Ken Turner presented sessions on "The Reliability of the Bible" and "How to Read the Bible" at the Summit at Bryan in July and August. He also presented a sermon series on Malachi at Grace Baptist Church, Taylors, S. C.

Dr. Cal White attended the annual Appalachian College Association meeting of chief academic officers and presidents at Carson-Newman College in June. He also participated in an ACA meeting in Knoxville to assist in integrating the Central Library into ongoing and emerging ACA projects.

Dr. Mel Wilhoit played trumpet at the Danville, Ky., Community Arts Center as part of the "Gallery Hop" during the 18th annual Great American Brass Band Festival in June. He also sang with the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Master Chorale in June.

Full-time faculty and staff who have joined the Bryan family this fall include:

Miss Kristina Anderson, resident director for Arnold Residence Hall. She recently earned her Master's degree in higher education with an emphasis in student affairs administration from Geneva College.

Mr. Jamy Bechler, head women's basketball coach.

Mr. Chris Clark, instructor in Communication Studies-Film.

Dr. Scott Jones, associate professor of Christian Ministry.

Mrs. Kimberly Keck, assistant professor of Music. Her husband, **Mr. Steve Keck**, is the new director of Advancement.

Dr. Donald Knudsen, professor of Business.

Mr. Ben Norquist, assistant director of Spiritual Formation. He is a 2004 Bryan graduate.

Mr. Scott Smith, adjunct professor in Linguistics and Missionary in Residence. He is a 1981 Bryan graduate.



1950s



Class Representatives

1954: Ginny Seguire Schatz

1956: Bud Schatz

Four members of the Class of 1954 celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Grace Seminary during the seminary's Golden Grad reunion in May. **ROBERT CLOUSE, JOHN MIESEL, DARWIN NEDDO, and JOHN RATHBUN** were among members of the Grace Seminary Class of 1957 who returned for their reunion.

DR. ROBERT CLOUSE, '54, recently published *The End of Days: Essential Selections from Apocalyptic Texts—Annotated and Explained*. The book offers commentary on key verses from Scripture and passages from church fathers to the recent best-selling *Left Behind* series dealing with the end times. Dr. Clouse is professor emeritus of history at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, and a minister.

MAUREEN (HAY) READ, '58, recently published her fourth book, *A Light Affliction*, which is available through Amazon or from Maureen, at 1754 NE Meshford, No. 27, Poulsbo, Wash., 98370. *A Light Affliction*, although complete in itself, builds on her three earlier books dealing with her ponderings on the contingencies of life that don't make sense.

DEAN, '58, and Edith **FRANKLIN** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer with three generations of their family at Ocean Isle, N.C.

DRS. LLOYD "JAKE," '59, and **SANDRA (SCHMICKL) MATTHES, '72**, have retired after teaching for 31 years at Liberty University. Jake taught mathematics and coached track and cross country at Liberty, where the outdoor track is named in his honor. While teaching math at Bryan, he coached the cross country team to the 1975 NCCAA national championship. Sandy taught music theory, organ, and computer skills. Sandy is minister of music at Heritage United Methodist Church in Lynchburg, Va.

1960s



Class Representative

1967: Bob Andrews

DR. DAVID GERARD, '69, has been promoted to professor in the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine, where he directs the research program for the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. His areas of research emphasis are in oral cancer and bone physiology. David also directs the Diagnostic Electron Microscopy Laboratory, which helps in the diagnosis of kidney disease.

1970s



Class Representative

1971: Maye Hayes Jepson

HAROLD HARRIS, '72, has become minister to shut-ins at Trinity Baptist Church in Hendersonville, Tenn., after

serving as pastor in a Nashville church. He also has completed his Ph.D. degree in Bible study through Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

1980s



Class Representatives

1980: Tom Branson

1984: Paulakay Franks

1985: Steve Stewart

1986: Gina Lyles Hays

1987: Laura Kaufmann

1988: Brett Roes

1989: Gretchen Mann Sanders

DR. DARRELL COSDEN, '85, has been appointed associate professor of theology at Judson University in Elgin, Ill. Darrell has spent almost 17 years working outside the United States, including four years in Russia and Ukraine and 12 ½ in Scotland, where he served as lecturer in theology and ethics for eight years at The International Christian College in Glasgow. He and his wife, Kristy, have two children, Brenton, 13, and Kayleigh, 11.

JANE ARNOLD, 85, had students place first, fourth, and seventh in the national InvestWrite contest this past school year. As a result, she won a trip to New York for a Teach the Teacher workshop held at the New York Stock Exchange. Thursday of that week she was chosen to ring the closing bell at the Exchange.



Crouch/Willson Children

KELLY (GIVEN) CROUCH, '87, lives in Rock Hill, S.C., with her family, where she is manager of a neighborhood in an assisted living community for individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and memory disorders. She has lobbied the South Carolina legislature to pass a law providing favorable policies for care of patients such as she cares for regularly. She is studying for an MBA degree in health care administration and hopes to graduate in 2008. **DAVID WILLSON, '90**, and his family joined the Crouch family in the spring for a reunion at Table Rock State Park in South Carolina.

LORI (SWAIM), '89, and Carlos **MONTROYA**

announce the birth of their seventh child, Abigail Joy, on July 29. Abigail was born three weeks



Abigail Montoya

premature, and weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. Because of complications, Abigail had to be delivered by Cesarean section. When she was delivered, the doctor found the umbilical cord wrapped around her neck, a situation which could have caused her death during a normal delivery. Carlos writes that mother and daughter are doing well.

1990s

Class Representative

1991: Debbie MacNab Gegerson



Olson Family

MARK and LADONNA (ROBINSON) OLSON, both '90, and their family moved to Killeen, Texas, in September, where Mark is stationed at Ft. Hood as a chaplain in the U.S. Army. Mark recently completed his Master's of Divinity degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and completed the Chaplain Basic Officer Leadership Course at Ft. Jackson, S.C., in August. LaDonna recently was honored by Evangelical Christian School in Fort Myers, Fla., by having her name placed on the Sports Wall of Fame. That honor is given alumni athletes who maintain a Christian testimony. The Olsons have six children, Jimmy, 13; Daniel, 10; Sarah Beth, 8; Joshua, 5; John-Mark, 3; and AnnaMaria, 1.

JAMES, '90, and Andrea **ARNETTE** announce the birth of their second son, Jeremy Evan, on Aug. 2. Jeremy joins proud siblings Joshua, 4, and Ashley, 2. The Arnette family lives in Indian Trail, N.C.

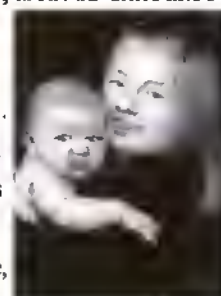


Arnette Children

ROBERT, '91, and **KARIS (WHITE), '92**, **KOEHN**, who serve

with Africa Inland Mission in Mozambique, were given tickets to return to the States this summer for two months to visit family and friends in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Michigan.

GREG, '91x, and **MONIQUE (NIEDERER), '90**, **DAVIS** announce the birth of their second daughter, Lindsay Elise, on Jan. 15. Lindsay weighed 9 lbs., 1 oz., and was 21 inches long. She joins sister Madeline, 9. Greg is a regional rehabilitation consultant for Autumn Rehab, and travels to Autumn Care facilities in North Carolina and Virginia. Monique had been teaching kindergarten, but once again is a stay-at-home mom.



Davis Children

DR. MARK CALEB SMITH, '92, received the Cedarville (Ohio) University Faculty Teaching Effectiveness Award for 1-10 years of service this spring. The award is presented based on student evaluations, department chair and peer recommendations, performance of students in subsequent classes or after graduation, use of instructional technology, and use of effective pedagogical techniques. Mark, who has taught at Cedarville since 2004, is an assistant professor of political studies and director of the Center for Political Studies.

KEVIN, '94, and **TONIA (MCCLAFLIN), '94x**, **NIEDERER** announce the birth of their fourth child, Montana Lyn, on Oct. 7, 2006. Montana joins sisters Victoria, 12, and Cheyenne, 7, and brother Dakota, 10.



Niederer Children

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DAVE ALBAN, '95, married Sally Beth Brooks in July 2005, and the couple welcomed a son, Seth David, on July 4 this year. Seth weighed 9 lbs., 1 oz., and was 21



Seth Alban

inches long. Sally, an attorney, is taking time off to work as a mother, and Dave is continuing his doctoral studies at Western Michigan University. The Albans live in Holland, Mich.

TRACI (DOTTERER), '95, and Paul ZEGELIEN announce the birth of



Lucas Zegelian

their first child, Lucas Paul, on June 1. Also present for the birth were

Traci's brother, **TRAVIS DOTTERER**, his wife, **KIMBERLY (LUTHER)**, both '93, and their sons Tyler, 9, and Jackson, 6.

RUTH (NAUGLE), '95, and Rob **KEATHLEY** announce the birth of

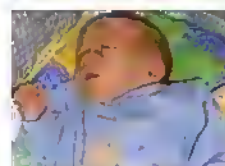
their daughter, Amelia Grace, on April 30. Amelia weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz., and was 21 ½



Amelia Keathley

inches long. She joins big brother Andy.

CRISTY (KROEKER), '96, and Erik **VAN OOSTEN** announce the birth of



Benjamin Van Oosten

their son, Benjamin Joel, on July 22.

The van Oosten family lives in Brazil, where Cristy and Erik work with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

DANIEL, '97, and **CHRISTY (WILHOIT), '99, WALTERS** announce the birth of their daughter, Cassidy Ann, on July 27. Cassidy weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz. She joins brother Jude, 2. Proud grandparents are **DR. MEL** and **SUSAN WILHOIT**, both '05H.

JONATHAN, '98, and Lily **COMP-**

TON announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Mei-Ying, on June 7. Grace was born five weeks premature but very healthy, weighing 4 pounds, 6 ounces.



Compton Family

The Compton family lives in Ames, Iowa, where Jonathan works in the registrar's office at Iowa State University as a research analyst, and Lily is a stay-at-home mom.

AUTUMN (HALSEY), '98, and Jeremy **DAVIS** announce the birth of their daughter, Addison Taye, on Nov. 13, 2006. Autumn and Jeremy moved back to their home state of West Virginia a year ago, where Autumn enjoys being a stay-at-home mom and Jeremy is a mechanical engineer.

ALLISON (WOMBLE), '98, and Tommy **HAUPERT** announce the birth

of their daughter, Abigail, on Sept. 21, 2006. The Hauptert family lives in Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., and



Abigail Hauptert

just celebrated Abby's first birthday.

Tommy owns a physical therapy business with **TRAVIS SMITH, '98x**. Allison is a full-time mom and freelance writer.

JOY MCCASKEY, '98x, and Richard Carr were married May 19, in Bluffton, S.C. Bryan alumni at the ceremony included brother of the bride, **SKYE MCCASKEY, '95x**; **AMY LIEN, '99**; and **BEVIN (SIMS) HUNTER, '01**.

Joy works in reservations and owners services for Southwind Management and Richard is a mechanic for Hilton Head Automotive. They have a son, Duncan.

JIMMY and JULIA (BRUEHL)

TAYLOR, both '98, announce the birth of their third child, Jent Isaac, on May 12. Jent



Jent Taylor

weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz. He joins Auburn, 6, and Dayleah, 3. The Taylor family lives in Taylors, S.C.

TIM MCGHEE, '99, was hired by Cherrydale Baptist Church in Arlington, Va., as its technology and facility manager in June. He oversees audiovisual production, internal and external information technologies, and facility operations.

2000s

Class Representatives

2001: Elizabeth Miller

2002: Jonathan Mobley

2003: Matt Lowe

2004: Taylor Smith

2005: Barton Stone

2006: Rob Palmer

DAMIEN and RENEE (REILLY) DASPIT, both '00, and their sons Orin and Micaiah, have been assigned to Wycliffe's Summer Institute of Linguistics headquarters in Dallas, Texas. They are working to develop a prayer and financial support team to begin their Bible translation ministry.

ANGELA (PERSINGER), '02x, and Ben **NOBLET** announce the birth of their first child, Gabriel Cohen, on April 25. Gabriel weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long.



Gabriel Knoblet

Ben is a captain in the Army, serving in Baghdad, and made it home the day Angela went into labor. He was home for two weeks and will return to the States in October. "God's timing was perfect, as always," Angela said.

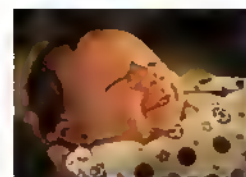
DAVID, '02x, and **KATHI (HOGREFE)**, '01, **MITCHELL**

announce the birth of their son, Gavin David, on April 7. Gavin weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz., and was 21

1/2 inches long. They live in Knoxville, Tenn., where David is the area manager for Countrywide Mortgage and Kathi is a kindergarten teacher.

KATI LESTMANN, '04, received her Ed.S. degree in instructional leadership in May from Tennessee Technological University. She is an eighth grade science teacher at Rhea Central Elementary School in Dayton, Tenn.

EMILY STIFFLER, '04, and Brett Winters were married Sept. 18, 2004, and purchased their first home in



Jack Winters

Springboro, Ohio, in August 2006. On Jan. 4 this year, they

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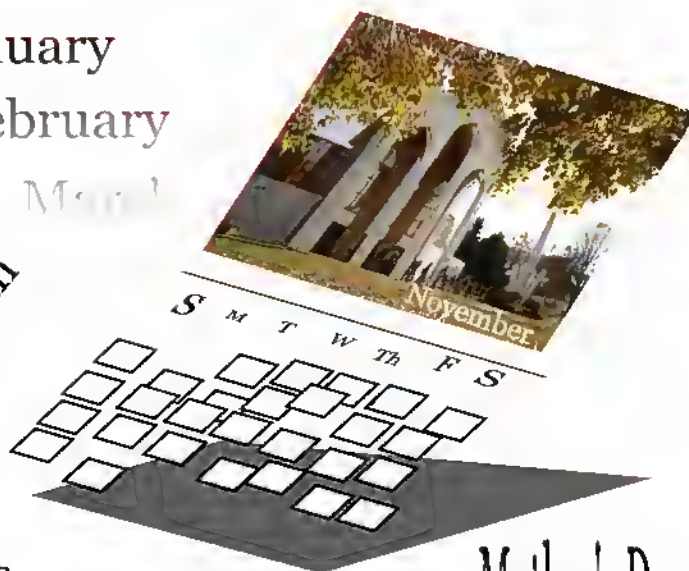
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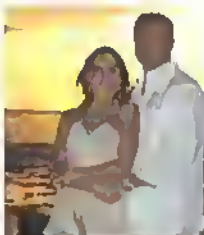
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Mother's Day



welcomed their son, Jack David, into their family. Jack weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., and was 20 inches long.

SARAH BASS, '05x, and **Joal Henke** were married Dec. 2, 2006, in Destin, Fla. Sarah said she also has "two awesome step-children," Aden, 5, and Kohl, 8. She is in nursing school at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Joal is a realtor.



Joal and Sarah
Henke



CHRIS, '04, and **RACHELLE (ELLIOTT), '01**, **TRAVIS** announce the birth of their daughter, Lillian Reese, on March 9. The Travis family lives in Asheville, N.C.

JASON BRAATEN, '06, and **OLIVIA FESSLER, '05**, were married April 28.

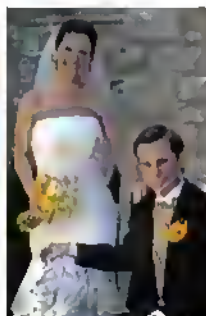
Bryan alumni at the wedding included **VIRGINIA**

MACHA, JANELLE WRIGHT, EVA HOLDER, DISHON and DEANNA (STOLTZFUS) SMITH, KELLY (CRANE)

ROGERS, JOANNA MCBRIDE, and PAMELA

DAVIS, all '05; JESSICA REED, '06; and ELIZABETH KOHLER, '07x.

The Braatens live in Beverly Farms, Mass., where Jason is in his final year of graduate study at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, earning an M.A. degree in Theology. Olivia is the business development and client relations manager at Whittenburg, Knudsen LLP, a law firm specializing in estate planning.



Jason and Olivia
Braaten

GERALD WOODWORTH, '06, and **KARA LIVESAY, '07**, were married July 21, in Dayton, Tenn. Among the bridesmaids were Bryan alumni **LAURA NEWPORT, '07**, and **AMANDA HELD, '06**.



Woodworth
Livesay

Kara is the daughter of Bryan College President **STEPHEN LIVESAY** and his wife, **CORINNE**. Gerry is a teaching assistant at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, where he is pursuing a Master's degree in environmental science while working at Target as a protection specialist. Kara is a middle school teacher at Silverdale Baptist Academy, Chattanooga. The couple resides in Hixson, Tenn.

With the Lord

Word has been received of the death of **STELLA (PURSER) BLEVINS, '36x**. She was a resident of Soddy-Daisy, Tenn.

NANCY (ENDICOTT) NELSON, '54, of Apple Valley, Calif., died May 11. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Dirk Nelson, and three children.

MARY ROSE (CRANFILL) BORNE, '55x, died Aug. 22, in Dayton, Tenn. She is survived by four sons.

DR. EVERETT R. BOYCE, '56, died June 9, in Mexico, where he was serving as a missionary. He is survived by his wife, **FAITH SANDFORD BOYCE, '61**, and three children.

Word has been received of the death of **BARBARA TERPSTRA, '58x**, of Holland, Mich. She is survived by her husband, **REV. ROBERT TERPSTRA, '59**, and two daughters.

BARBARA (TANIS) SNYDER '65x, of Silver Spring, Md., died March 4. She is survived by her husband, **STEVE, '64x**, and four children, **DANIEL SNYDER, '87x; DAVID SNYDER, '87; RACHEL ORTEGO, '96; and SARAH JOHNSON, '00x**. A funeral service was held in Rudd Auditorium March 8.

BOBBIE JEAN TALLENT, '72, of Dayton, Tenn., died Aug. 22. She is survived by two sons, **BOBBY TALLENT, '73**, and Tom Tallent.

JACK NEWTON, '74, of Largo, Fla., died June 21. He is survived by his wife, **LORREL (KELLEY), '77x**, and four children.

WILMA HARROW, '84H, of Smyrna, Ga., a former library staff member, died July 28. She is survived by two sons, **ROY HARROW, '70**, and Lawrence Harrow; and a daughter, Julie Harrow.

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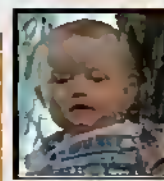
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